

# **MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, May 16, 2025**

**Huntley Village Hall**

**10987 Main Street, Huntley IL 60142**

**9:00 AM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mack called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

#### **A. Roll Call/Introductions (Sign-In Sheet)**

The meeting met a quorum (minimum of 7 members).

#### **Council Members Present:**

1. Cliff Ganek – Village of Algonquin
2. Kealan Noonan – Village of Cary
3. Abby Wilgreen – City of Crystal Lake
4. Rob Lamz – City of Harvard
5. Tim Farrell – Village of Huntley
6. Claudett Sofiakis – Village of Johnsburg
7. Ryan McDillon – Village of Lake in the Hills
8. Greg Gruen – City of McHenry
9. Jon Schmitt – Village of Richmond
10. Rick Mack – Village of Ringwood
11. Bob McMahon – Village of Spring Grove
12. Chris Tiedt – City of Woodstock
13. Scott Hennings – McHenry County

#### **B. Agenda Changes**

There were no changes to the agenda.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2025**

Approval of the minutes for the March 21, 2025, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Leone (Harvard), which was seconded by Mr. Ganek (Algonquin). The motion was approved unanimously.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **4. AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus  
Ms. Herdus provided an update to the council.
- B. Pace Report – Chris Rose  
Ms. Rose provided an update to the council.
- C. Metra Update – Katie Dote  
Ms. Dote provided an update to the council.
- D. RTA Update – Zachary Braun  
Mr. Braun provided an update to the council.
- E. McHenry County Division of Transportation – Scott Hennings  
Mr. Hennings provided an update to the council.
- F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi  
Ms. Passi was not present at the meeting, so no update was given.
- G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro  
Mr. Fierro provided an update to the council.
- H. CMAP Report – Jon Haadsma  
Mr. Haadsma provided an update to the council.

#### **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Lake-McHenry MS4 Training Program  
Mr. Kuykendall presented on an upcoming training that would be provided in Lake County on May 21<sup>st</sup> and invited members of the council to attend.

#### **6. APPROVAL ITEMS**

- A. Election of Officers – Chair  
Chair Mack expressed his willingness to continue to serve as the chair for the Council of Mayors. A motion was made by Ms. Sofiakis (Johnsburg) to elect Chair Mack for another two-year term, which was seconded by Mr. Farrell (Huntley). The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Election of Officers – Vice Chair  
Chair Mack stated that Vice Chair Berendt was also interested in continuing to serve as the Council of Mayors' Vice Chair. Mr. Tiedt (Woodstock) moved to elect Vice Chair Berendt to another two-year term, which was seconded by Mr. Hennings (McHenry County). The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Methodology Changes – Increasing the Maximum Project Award Amount to \$1,800,000

Mr. Duffin explained the nature of the proposed change from \$1,500,000 to \$1,800,000 and how it would impact the program if implemented. The proposed change would also set aside up to \$200,000 of the Council's annual mark exclusively for engineering phases. Each community could be awarded up to one project with a maximum award to a single project of \$100,000. A motion was made by Mr. Farrell (Huntley) and seconded by Mr. McMahon (Spring Grove) to increase the maximum award amount to \$1,800,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

**D. Methodology Changes – Safety Category**

Mr. Duffin explained the shortcomings he found in the previous safety category scoring and the reasoning for the new approach. The new methodology would utilize a before-and-after analysis based on the USDOT Safe Systems Approach in order to determine safety scores. A motion was made by Mr. Lamz (Harvard) and seconded by Mr. McMahon (Spring Grove) to approve the proposed change. The motion was approved unanimously.

**E. MCCOM Methodology for FY 2027 – FY 2031 Call for Projects**

Mr. Duffin said that he was including a few minor methodology changes as part of the present item, such as using the most up-to-date road condition data at the time of scoring, changing the scoring categories for Local Needs. Additionally, he informed the Council of Mayors that any necessary unanticipated methodology changes would be brought to the council. A motion was made by Ms. Sofiakis (Johnsburg) to approve the methodology, which was seconded by Mr. Ganek (Algonquin). The motion was approved unanimously.

**F. STP-L 2025-2029 Active Program**

Mr. Duffin explained the changes to the STP-L program since the March meeting. A motion was made by Mr. McMahon (Spring Grove) to approve the program, which was seconded by Mr. Lamz (Harvard). The motion was approved unanimously.

**7. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT**

**A. IDOT Circular Letter 2025-07**

Mr. Duffin shared the contents of the circular letter with the Council of Mayors.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no other business, and there were no announcements.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

The next meeting will be held on:

Friday, July 18, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.  
Harvard City Hall  
201 W. Diggins Street

Harvard, IL 60033

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Noonan (Cary) to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Lamz (Harvard). The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 AM.